

**Dora Creek& District workers Co-Operative LTD Social Golf Club**

**Rules and By-laws**

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# PRELIMINARY

## 1.1 By-Laws

The By-Laws of the Dora Creek & District Workers Co-Operative LTD Social Golf Club are written under the authority of Clause 10.1 of the Constitution dated 2021 and have been created in accordance with the following principles:

The Club may, by resolution at a general meeting, make, amend, or revoke by-laws for the management of the Club. By-laws and rules supplement the Constitution for the purposes of running the Club and may:

provide for the rights and obligations that apply to any classes of associate membership approved under rule 3.5(2); and impose restrictions on the committee’s powers, including the power to dispose of the Association’s assets; and

1. impose requirements relating to the financial reporting and financial accountability of the Club and the auditing of the Club’s accounts; and
2. provide for any other matter the Club considers necessary or convenient to be dealt with in the by-laws.

## 1.2 Rules of Golf

All golf matches and results conducted by the Association shall conform to and be in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved from time to time by the Rules Committee of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews and any special provisions of the Club under local playing rules of the course controller.

The Secretary may distribute to all members a schedule of ‘Local Rules’ under which games shall be conducted.

If the Secretary does not distribute a new schedule of ‘Local Rules’, the previous conditions applying to ‘Local Rules’ shall prevail.

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## 1.3 Social Functions

Social functions are arranged by the committee to enable monies collected to be returned to the members by way of subsidies for the more costly events.

It is important that all members actively support our social functions.

Social functions are normally organised during the year, including the annual shield and trophy presentation day.

The 19th hole presentations shall be held at **Dora Creek & District Workers Club LTD** where possible.

The 19th hole and playing venues may be subsidised for partial green fees and/or food and mid-year or other functions may be subsidised for food.

19th hole functions shall be subsidised for food that includes, the barbecue meat, sausages or other food and drinks to represent value for money.

# 2. MEMBERS

## 2.1 Handicapping System

Ordinary joining members must be eligible and apply as per Clause 3.1 and 3.2 of the Constitution; the person must also be capable of playing golf in accordance with Golf Australia rules, regulations and handicapping system.

Ordinary joining members shall play stroke-play with a committee member:

 Persons with a valid GOLF Link handicap shall play as a visitor and submit 2 score cards from games played with the Club or

Persons without a valid handicap shall play as a visitor and submit 3 score cards for handicapping purposes, from games played with the Club.

All cards submitted shall be considered for handicap purposes and for acceptance of membership by the committee. Ordinary joining members are not required to pay the visitor’s fee while playing their 2 or 3 handicap cards.

## 2.2 Associate Members

If the Associate member is a junior joining the Club, he/she shall follow the procedure outlined in rule 2.1.

Where the Associate member is a non-playing member there is no requirement to follow the procedure in rule 2.1

Acceptance of membership for Associate non-playing members shall be as per Clause 3.5 of the Constitution.

## 2.3 Annual Fees and Subscriptions

The schedule of fees for ordinary members are nominal values only and may vary from year to year as decided by members at the Annual General Meeting and are payable in accordance with Clause 4.2 of the Constitution dated 2021.

A nomination fee for ordinary joining members shall be charged at the discretion of the committee.

Casual playing visitors shall be charged a game fee.

Life members are exempt from Annual and Game fees but must pay all other levies.

Associate non-playing members may have fees set at the discretion of the committee.

Schedule of fees

1. Nomination Fee $ 50.00
2. Annual Fee $ 10.00 (Playing, Associate and Junior Members)
3. Visitors Fee $ 5.00 (per game)

## 2.4 Dress

Members are required to wear their club shirt for all home and away games and any event when representing the club.

Neat denim trousers (but not work or ripped jeans) and neat shorts whether elasticised waist or not for home games are permitted.

Track pants, T-shirts and shirts with offensive logos are not to be worn by players or visitors.

Golf shoes are desirable but street (heeled) shoes, thongs, sandals, boots are not permitted on golf courses.

Members must comply with dress rules applied by away venues require appropriate clothing and footwear on the course and in the clubhouse.

## 2.5 Draw

The draw shall be conducted before a game event by the Secretary or committee member/s in accordance with the following established guidelines:

Members who have advised in any way that they are playing the following week shall be placed in the first part of the draw.

Members with visitors shall then be placed in the second part of the draw.

Any member who has a valid reason for having to leave early, following the game, such as work, birthdays, weddings, etc., may be considered for an early group.

For pairs and four events, all groups shall be treated equally in the draw regardless of their attendance.

Joining members playing their handicap cards shall be treated as members and be in the draw with committee members until accepted as members.

Any changes to be made to the draw on the day of the game shall be made by the following order of priority; Secretary or other committee member/s or club members delegated by them.

The following guidelines shall be used in making changes to the draw on the day of the game:

1. If a member in the draw is running late or unable to attend due to unexpected circumstances, then he or she should contact the Secretary or pro-shop to advise and he or she may be shifted in the draw.
2. Members should not arrive without previously having been included in the draw or not having contacted the Secretary by Wednesday night prior to the Sunday game and expect automatic inclusion in the field. Such members may only play if they are making up a group of four or can form another group at the rear of the field. The committee shall monitor the later groups to ensure that players are not creating "cliques" and playing with the same players each month.
3. Groups will not be broken up or changed to accommodate late arrivals, players not in the draw or players with unexpected visitors

## 2.6 Visitors

Playing members may invite visitors to play on normal dates (a $5.00 fee is required) and may be expected to play with their visitors at the rear of the field.

Playing members intending to invite visitors must give prior notice by contacting the Secretary or his delegate before 6.00 pm on the Wednesday night before the game.

Visitors may be permitted to play on perpetual shield days and the club championships, but only at the discretion of the committee.

Visitors are not graded regardless of the competition and will play stroke only.

## 2.7 Attendance and Eligibility

Playing members would ideally attend seven games per year, where possible. However, it is recognised that work rosters or family commitments may prevent regular attendance.

## 2.8 Grades

Grades shall be set by the committee at the start of each season to equalise the number of members in each grade. Grades shall be reviewed prior to commencement of each year to ensure balance for the championships and the rest of the season.

Members will be advised if there are any changes to grades above. Handicap grades applicable at Dora Creek Social Golf Club are as follows:

A grade 0 – 30

B grade 30.1 – 36

# 3. PLAYER RESPONSIBILITY

## 3.1 Score Cards

R&A rule 3 indicates all players are personally responsible for the following:

1. Understanding and honestly applying the rules of golf including club rules and local rules,
2. Ensuring that their card is submitted to the Secretary, or delegate, as soon as possible after their round and prior to the start of the audit meeting, and
3. The cards stated handicap is correct and the correct number of strokes taken for each hole is recorded on both cards.
4. A card is deemed to be submitted when it is handed to the Secretary, or delegate, or placed on the table (if busy) for them to action.
5. Cards so submitted are considered the possession of the club and subject to the rules of golf and may not be retrieved or further actioned by the player or marker for any reason.
6. Cards not submitted by the time the President opens the meeting will not be accepted.
7. If a player is unsure of his/her handicap or suspects it may have changed and has not been so informed and/or not had access to the handicap sheet, he/she may consult with the Secretary and adjust accordingly prior to submitting his card (R&A rule 3.3.b).

## 3.2 Pace of Play

Slow play or failing to keep up with the group in front is a very frustrating part of golf and is not tolerated by clubs at any venue. R&A rule 5.6 indicates:

1. players should recognise that their pace of play affects others, and they should play promptly throughout the round (such as by preparing in advance for each stroke and moving promptly between strokes and in going to the next tee).
2. player should make a stroke in no more than 40 seconds (and usually in less time) after the player is able to play without interference or distraction, which includes preparation and practice swing; plus
3. players should tee off where the next fairway is clear before marking the score card.

## 3.3 Club Raffles

Club raffles are an extremely important way to raise revenue during the year.

Therefore, a roster shall be drawn up so club members can contribute to the raffle time schedule.

The Secretary will issue to the members a roster at the beginning of each year.

1. outlining the raffle date
2. the timeframe for the activity and
3. the names of the members on duty for that date and time.

If a member is not available to stand on duty, he or she shall

1. make arrangement to have another member take his or her place for that date and time or if,
2. a member cannot arrange for another member to take his or her place, he or she is to contact as early as practicable the Secretary prior to the activity taking place.
3. Members shall be sent a notice (via a phone or e-mail) prior to the scheduled date and time, as a reminder
4. The reminder will be sent on the Tuesday before the schedule date

# 4. GOLF COMPETITION GUIDE

## 4.1 Club Championship Shield

This shield is known as the Lenny Coombs Memorial shield.

1. All ten events use a Stableford point scored system
2. To be eligible, an ordinary member must play in a minimum seven club championship events
3. If he/she plays in all ten events, then the **three** **lowes**t stableford score cards are abandoned or discarded
4. If, due adverse weather condition effect any event, then the total score will be adjusted accordingly by the committee
5. The winner is announced at the end of year presentation and presented with a trophy
6. His/her name shall be engraved on the Club Championship Shield

## 4.2 Four Ball Best Ball Shield

 This is a two-person team event

1. This is a stableford team play card event.
2. Both players keep separate score cards.
3. At the conclusion of the stableford event the team cards are assessed, and a separate card is compiled.
4. The best stableford score for the team from hole one through to hole eighteen is scored.
5. There is no penalty as a team only needs one golfer to finish the hole and post a score.
6. The winners are announced at the end of year presentation and presented with a trophy each.
7. Their names shall be engraved on the Four Ball Best Ball Shield.

## 4.3 Two Person Ambrose Shield

This shield is known as the Greg Sainsbury Memorial Award.

Ambrose system

1. This is a stoke two-person team event
2. All players hit from the tee and the best shot is selected for players to hit from there.
3. Other players pick up their ball and play their next shot from the same position as the selected ball, continuing until a ball is holed out.
4. On fairways, balls may be placed within a club length.
5. In the Rough, balls must be dropped within a club length in the rough and remain in the rough (not onto the fairway).
6. On the green, balls may be placed within 6 inches (150 mm).
7. The winners are announced at the end of year presentation and presented with a trophy each.
8. Their names shall be engraved on the Club Championship Shield

If the putt is missed, ‘tap-ins’ are not allowed, as it prevents other players from putting.

## 4.4 Calculating Team Handicaps

Handicap is ⅛ of total team’s handicaps for four-person team.

Handicap is ⅙ of total team’s handicaps for three-person team. (In absence of a 4th team member for an Ambrose event, a nominated person may have an extra putt).

Handicap is ¼ of total team’s handicaps for two-person team.

## 4.5 Determining Results by Countback

Countback shall be the last 9 holes played (holes 10-18), then the last 6 holes, the last 3 holes then hole by hole from number 18 hole back

# *5 LOCAL RULES*

## 5.1 Local Rules

Local Rules described through this section are mostly applicable to Toronto Golf Course, but rules may vary between courses.

Therefore, when playing at courses other than Toronto, players should play to Local Rules that are applicable at each course.

Accidental Movement of a Ball on Putting Green R&A rule 13.1d applies when a player’s ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his/her partner, his/her opponent, or any of their equipment.

Relief applies at Toronto, where all external fences, nursery and greenkeeper compound fenced areas are located. One club length no closer to the hole.

When a ball comes to rest against a tree root or a bare patch of ground. The player can drop the ball anywhere within the “Relief Area” (which includes the fairway) no closer to the hole.

When the ball is dropped and it rolls a long way from the drop point, a player does not need to re-drop it, as long as it still rests in the “Relief Area”

## 5.2 Ground Under Repair (GUR) R&A

GUR Definition shall be applied for materials piled for removal are GUR even if not marked. Grass cuttings and material left on the course abandoned and not intended to be removed are not GUR unless marked. Ball may be lifted and taken to nearest point of relief not nearer the hole without penalty and dropped within 1 club length of the edge of designated area. If a ball is lost in GUR and confirmed by other members in the group, another ball may be dropped at nearest point of entry without penalty.

## 5.3 Water Under Lie

If a ball is submerged or partly submerged due to adverse weather conditions, then the ball is lifted and placed within one club length of the hazard no nearer the hole. This includes Fairways, rough and sand bunkers

## 5.4 Preferred Lies

Preferred lies may be taken on fairways only in accordance with Local Rules at the course being played. In the absence of any Local Rule, then a preferred lie may not be taken.

## 5.5 Putting Green

At some courses, a Local Rule may be applicable due to local conditions.

## 5.6 Sand Bunkers

If a bunker is marked with a White stake, the ball may be lifted, and relief taken within one club length of the bunker, no nearer to the hole.

## 5.7 Sprinkler Heads

For Toronto, relief may be taken where sprinkler heads are within two club lengths of the putting green and within two club lengths of the ball.

The Ball may be lifted and taken to nearest point of relief not nearer the hole without penalty and dropped within 1 club length.

## 5.8 Staked or Cultivated Tree

A cultivated tree has a section of ground around its base dug away. For Toronto, relief shall only be allowed if a staked tree under one meter in height, interferes with your swing or stance.

The Ball may be lifted and taken to nearest point of relief not nearer the hole without penalty and dropped within 1 club length of the edge of foliage.

At some courses, a Local Rule may be applicable for the protection of young trees.

## 5.9 Unplayable Ball

An unplayable ball for Toronto whilst maintaining pace of play

The desirable options under penalty of 1 stroke are preferably (b) or (c). A Stroke and no distance.

1. Relief by playing the original ball or another ball from where the previous stroke was made; or
2. Back-on-the-line, relief is taken by lifting the ball and going straight back on a line from the hole (not the tee area) through the original position and dropping the ball; or
3. Lateral relief where the ball may be lifted and taken to the nearest point of relief not nearer the hole and dropped within 2 club lengths